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BEGIN TEXT:

7TH MAY, 1976

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HIS EXCELLENCY GIOVANNI LEONE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

QUIRINALE

ROME

ITALY

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL DR. JOSEPH LUNS ON  
OFFICIAL MISSION AND ON BEHALF OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL I  
WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE  
OUR GREAT SORROW OVER THE LOSS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY  
THE EARTHQUAKE LAST NIGHT. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT YOUR  
AGGRIEVED CITIZENS ARE VERY MUCH ON OUR MINDS. IN AN EFFORT  
TO BE HELPFUL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE NATO HEADQUARTERS HAS  
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ASKED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE THIS DISASTER THEIR URGENT  
ATTENTION WITH A VIEW TO ASCERTAINING THROUGH BILATERAL  
CHANNELS WHAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARE  
AND HOW THEY CAN BEST BE MET. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

HAVE ALREADY BEEN SEIZED OF THE PROBLEM AND I UNDERSTAND ARE  
ALREADY SENDING SOME ASSISTANCE TO THE EARTHQUAKE AREA. WE  
HOPE THROUGH THESE EFFORTS TO HELP IN SOME MEASURE TO  
ALLEVIATE THE TERRIBLE LOSSES WHICH HAVE BEEN INFLICTED UPON  
YOUR BRAVE PEOPLE.

P. PANSÀ CEDRONIO

ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LEONE OF 12TH MAY, 1976

TRANSLATION

I HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE MESSAGE IN WHICH YOU HAVE  
EXPRESSED ALSO IN THE NAME OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL YOUR  
HEARTFELT SYMPATHY WITH THE GRIEF OF THE ITALIAN NATION FOR THE  
SEVERE CATASTROPHE WHICH HAS STRUCK THE FRIULI REGION. I  
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY THE SINCERE THANKS FOR THE GENEROUS  
CONTRIBUTION PROMPTLY GIVEN BY THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO  
ALLEVIATE THE PLIGHT OF THE VICTIMS ASKING YOU AT THE SAME  
TIME TO CONVEY THE EXPRESSION OF THE DEEP GRATITUDE OF THE  
ITALIAN PEOPLE TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES  
OF THE ALLIANCE FOR THEIR PROMPT RESPONSE.  
STRAUSZ-HUPE

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